PRESIDENT: That does not arise as a supplementary question now.

Over-time allowances in the Government Press.

122. ✻**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of compositors in the Government Press in 1104 and in 1110;

(*b*) the number of proof-readers and examiners in 1104 and in 1110;

(*c*) whether the number of proof-readers and examiners has been increased with the increase in the number of compositors;

(*d*) whether the same principle is followed in granting over-time allowances to compositors, proof-readers and examiners and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 114 in Karkatakam 1104, and 129 in Karkatakam 1110.

(*b*) Eleven examiners including the Head Examiner and eleven proof-readers both in 1104 and 1110.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Compositors, who belong to the piece-work staff, are not entitled to any over-time allowance. The proof-readers and examiners are given from 1-7-1108 fixed local allowance in lieu of over-time they are getting.

(*e*) The change was made with a view to reduce expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the numbers, 114 and 129 given in part (*a*) of the answer, represent the number of permanent compositors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No; there are only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In 1104?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): All along, there has been only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does not the member think that an increase in the number of compositors will necessitate an increase in the number of examiners and proof-readers also?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why a proportionate increase was not made in the number of examiners and proof-readers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent, Government Press, considered that it would be enough if the additional work was distributed among the existing hands, they being paid over-time allowance for such extra work.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

123. ✻**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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